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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
of  
**THE ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE ON TRAILS (ASCOT)**  
of  
**THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to A.R.S. §41-511.22 to members of the Arizona State Committee On Trails (ASCOT) and the general public that the ASCOT will hold a meeting open to the public on **Friday, April 26, 2013 beginning at 12:30 pm at the BLM-Arizona State Office, One North Central Building, 8th Floor, Phoenix (NE corner of Central and Washington)**. Visitors may park on the first level of the Parking Garage by entering off of 1st Street (heading north) from Washington Street (ONE WAY heading west). Please use the Visitor Stalls (marked in Green). Have your parking ticket validated at the reception desk on the 8th Floor before going to the conference rooms. **Attendance at this meeting is available via teleconference by calling 1.877.820.7831 and entering the participant passcode 522515.** Items on the Agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been specifically set for a time certain. Public comment will be taken. The Committee will discuss and may take action on the following matters:

#### **SECOND AMENDED AGENDA**

(The Chair reserves the right to set the order of the agenda.)

- A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**
- C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC** – The Chair will recognize those wishing to address the Committee. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization and the time allotted by the Chair. Action taken as a result of acknowledgment of comments and suggestions from the public will be limited to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for further consideration at a later time.
- D. ASCOT ACTION ITEMS**
  - 1. ASCOT Will Review and Approve Minutes from the January 25, 2013 Meeting.**
  - 2. Update from the Subcommittee Reviewing the AZ State Trail System** – The Subcommittee will report on progress to date and future plans for re-evaluating existing criteria, purpose, and future of the State Trails System.

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## G. ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING  
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of  
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD**

Held on **Friday, January 25, 2013, at Arizona State Parks, in the Board Room of 1300 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ beginning at 2pm.** The AG Office held an Orientation Meeting at 1pm for new members and current members that wanted to attend an overview of the state's Open Meeting Law and Robert's Rules of Order. No ASCOT business was discussed and no action was taken.

**Orientation Meeting:**

Meeting was called to order at 1:10pm.

ASCOT Members Present: Claire Miller, Patrick Kell, Craig Stevens, Jackie Keller, Richard Kesselman.

AG Office Representatives: Laurie Hachtel, Paul Katz.

Parks Staff Present: Robert Baldwin, Jerry Underwood, Jeff Prince

Assistant Attorney's General (AAG) Paul Katz and Laurie Hachtel explain Arizona's Open Meeting Laws and how they pertain to all of ASCOT's meetings, both regular full committee meetings and subcommittee meetings. The law is intended to provide for transparency and public access to government, quasi-judicial committees, and advisory committees, such as ASCOT. Newly appointed ASCOT members, as well as existing members requesting them, were given a copy of Arizona's Open Meeting Law, Conflict of Interest Law, and Robert's Rules of Order guide.

Staff explained the concepts of Roberts Rules of Order. Also, staff reminded ASCOT members to be recognized by chair prior to speaking, identify themselves, and speak clearly to make for a clear recording of the meeting. AAG and Parks Staff reminded ASCOT members to contact them with any inquiries as to meeting laws or other questions they may have regarding committee conduct.

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 2:10pm.

**ASCOT Members Present:**

Craig Stevens, Backcountry Horsemen of Central Arizona (new member)

Jackie Keller, Citizen at Large

Laddie Cox, Citizen at Large

**Gibson nominates Ralley for Public Outreach Vice-Chair. Cox seconds. Ralley elected unanimously.**

**3. Update from the Subcommittee Reviewing Trails in the AZ State Trail System (STS)**

Jackie Keller, Chair of STS Subcommittee states the subcommittee met 4 times last year. The group addressed updating of the State Trails Guide, which is currently only in hardcopy form. At the December 12, 2012 meeting, Parks Staff Member Ellen Bilbrey indicated that State Parks has developed a partnership with ASU in which the school is developing a trail app. The app may provide a good platform for disseminating STS information. The subcommittee invited the ASU New Media Innovation Lab to this meeting to provide more information.

Ellen Bilbrey indicates the trail app is still in beta testing phase but the goal is to have it operational and fully available to the public in time for the International Trails Symposium. Bilbrey introduces Retha Hill, Director of the ASU New Media Innovation Lab.

Hill says the app will be available on both android and iphone platforms. Currently, the app only includes trails located in the City of Scottsdale, Maricopa County, City of Phoenix, and the City of Fountain Hills. All trails in the State Trails System will be included as well. Land managers will have access to the app database to update trail information and load new trails into the system. She explains features of the app including a search engine, hiking conditions, current location, directions to trailheads, and hiking safety information. Hill concludes presentation and opens up questions and discussion. She then introduces ASU students working on the app: Micah Jameson and Sasha Del.

Chair asks about the timing of the app development and when the app will be available. Hill indicates the app will be available 1 day after application to the google play app site. iphone apps take longer, perhaps a week and the state would need to apply for that with Apple. She indicates AZ Trails is the name to search for when looking to download the app. Hill invites members to allow the ASU students present to download the beta version on their personal phones during the meeting. Ralley asks Keller if STS Subcommittee has decided to "rate" trails for the guide or future app. Keller says no, the state will not rate trails, however, if the separate land managers provide ratings for trails which are uploaded into the app system, they those ratings will appear, but not from State Parks itself.

Von Gausig shows appreciation to app development team and indicates he is affiliated with American Rivers and that group is working on a "paddle trail" map for various sections of the Verde River. He asks Hill how information could be coordinated to include paddle trails in the app. Hill states that the develop team is open to conversations on how to widen the scope of the app to include paddling.

Trails Symposium. She indicates the training session would be at least 2 hours in length. Chair asks if STS-designated trails will be highlighted in the app. Bilbrey indicates they could and should be highlighted. Chair also asks if the app will contain OHV trails. Bilbrey says at this time it's only non-motorized trails in the system. Future efforts may include adding OHV trails. Chair states that this may be a good topic for the upcoming ASCOT/OHVAG meeting to discuss.

Kesselman asks, "who has property rights to this app?" Hill answers that, according to state procurement office is set up, both ASU and Arizona State Parks will jointly share property rights with the app.

Keller states the STS Subcommittee recommends the existing hardcopy of the State Trails Guide not be updated, due to the app replacing it. Also, she recommends the subcommittee reviews the purpose and designation criteria of trails to be entered into the STS. The subcommittee may refine the designation criteria of trails in the STS. There may need to be a separate designation of trails to showcase special trails in the state.

**Keller makes motion to accept STS Subcommittee recommendations and to continue its work on reviewing STS criteria and potential new designation requirements. Gibson seconds. Approved unanimously.**

**4. ASCOT Will Discuss Their Involvement as Session Monitors and other positions necessary in the International Trails Symposium (ITS)**

Chair reminds committee that it volunteered to serve at the ITS as Session Monitors. He indicates, after discussion with ITS, they need 2 room hosts per session. 20 hosts are needed in total for April 15-17. One room host would greet the presenter, ensuring they're in the correct room and have the proper equipment provided in the room. A second room host would monitor attendance at the particular session, to ensure accurate accounting for Continuing Education Credits. Chair reminds committee that Nicole Armstrong-Best is the Volunteer Coordinator for State Parks and is working closely with the ITS, so she is a good contact for questions. He encourages members to go to the website ([www.americantrails.org/2013](http://www.americantrails.org/2013)) and volunteer.

**5. ASCOT Will Review and Discuss Proposed Changes to the Bylaws.**

Underwood states the bylaws have not been updated since ASCOT was reduced from 25 members to the current 15 member committee. He indicates it is good time to update them and make them uniform among all advisory committees, while ensuring they comply with current state law. The significant changes included in the proposed update are in the Attendance section and the limit of 2 consecutive 3 year terms. Any member absent for 4 consecutive meetings would forfeit the remainder of their term and be replaced on January of the following calendar year.

Slay states that the Horse Council has always had representation on ASCOT and since she has served multiple terms, with the proposed

regular meetings, travel time, meeting prep, and subcommittee service, can be recorded. If you have questions, the State Volunteer Coordinator for State Parks is Nicole Armstrong-Best and she can help you with questions. The volunteer tracking website is [www.azstateparksvolunteer.com](http://www.azstateparksvolunteer.com). Username is full first and last name. Password is ASCOTvol#1

## **2. ASCOT Member Reports**

Stevens reports that the Forest Service, IMBA, and the City of Sedona have been coordinating a series of meetings to update their Travel Management Plan. Also, a trail system is being scoped out along the Verde Front and public input on that continues.

Cox reports that the Arizona Trails Assoc. has been working on trailhead development and recently installed 26 steel posts at the Freeman Road Trailhead.

Kell reports on IMBA trailcare crew, a roving trail development training is putting on many workshops across the state this winter. IMBA has been working on the Rainbow Rim Trail extension and the City of Phoenix to develop an urban bike park.

Von Gausig reports on paddle trails on the Verde River. There's about 40 miles of river that run through the Verde Valley. The Town of Clarkdale and Arizona State Parks have agreed to allow the town manage the portion of the Verde Valley Greenway which is in Clarkdale as a "put in, take out" access point for the river and a day-use area. The town is now working with Freeport-McMoran to manage an additional site of similar size. Additionally, The Dept. of Interior's "America's Great Outdoors" initiative is looking at National Blueways-essentially paddle trails. He hopes the Verde River is selected to be a pilot program for the initiative. He invites members to a paddle tour of the river. Contact him for more information.

Slay reports on Black Canyon Trail. The Big Bug Trailhead on Hwy 69 has been graded off and is ready for development. Horse Council has been working on issues in Southern AZ regarding jaguar habitat surveys.

Kesselman reports on VOAZ activities on the Highline Trail, Horton Creek Trail, and the Granite Mountain Trail. VOAZ is also performing contract for the City of Phoenix on many projects including a user survey and rerouting of Pima Canyon trails.

Miller reports on Scottsdale's McDowell Sonora Preserve. The city recently purchased 6,400 acres from the State Land Dept. and is now in the process of pairing down nearly 300 miles of trails to a manageable and sustainable 150 miles of trail. Trail contractors are working on completing several new trails including a new equestrian trail.

Ralley reports the Arizona Trail Assoc. annual meeting is coming up on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> at South Mountain Park.

**AZ State Committee On Trails Action Item / Report  
Agenda Item D-2.**



**Title:** ASCOT Subcommittee for the State Trails System Update

**Staff Lead:** Robert Baldwin, Grants Coordinator

**Date:** April 26, 2013

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**Recommended Motion(s):**

None.

**Status to Date:**

ASCOT formed a subcommittee charged with developing an approach and strategic plan to update the State Parks Trails Guide, review the current criteria of the State Trails System (STS), and consider possible improvements to and future of the STS. Subcommittee meeting topics March 7 & April 19, 2013 included broad discussions as to what the STS criteria currently includes, positive and negative features of the current STS setup, and what a future STS should consist of.

The following items discussed at the Subcommittee meetings are recommended for discussion by ASCOT.

1. Re-evaluate the State Trail System's purpose, criteria, and what it should be as ASCOT moves forward. Currently, bonus points are awarded to STS trails in the grant evaluation process.
2. Determine what the criteria will be for selecting the trails that would be "showcased" and recognized as unique and significant. There are now over 700 trails designated in the STS.
3. Consider a possible freeze of STS nominations until plans to update criteria are finalized.

**Time Frame:**

Present a status of findings to date at the next ASCOT meeting.

**Staff and Financial Resources:**

Activities in support of the advisory committees are part of the normal workload for the Resources and Public Programs Section staff.

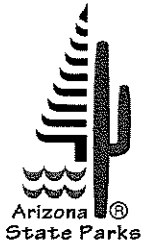
**Relation to Strategic Plan:**

Partnerships: To build lasting public and private partnerships to promote local economies, good neighbors, recreation, conservation, tourism and establish sustainable funding for the agency.

**Relevant Past Board Actions:**

None.

**AZ State Committee On Trails Action Item / Report  
Agenda Item D-3.**



**Title:** ASCOT Subcommittee for Nomination of RTP-Funded Project for an Achievement Award by the Coalition for Recreational Trails

**Staff Lead:** Robert Baldwin, Grants Coordinator

**Date:** April 26, 2013

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**Recommended Motion(s):**

None.

**Status to Date:**

Staff was informed of a call for nominations for a national achievement award by the Coalition for Recreational Trails just prior to the January 25, 2013 ASCOT meeting. ASCOT formed a subcommittee to review RTP-funded projects for nomination to the award to be handed out June 2013 in Washington, D.C. The deadline for award nominations was March 31<sup>st</sup>. Due to the limited timeframe for submittal staff identified one project for review by the subcommittee, the Black Canyon Heritage Park Trail.

Successfully completed in early 2012, the ½ mile loop Black Canyon Heritage Park Trail has garnered positive comments from the community and trail users. The Black Canyon Heritage Park Trail is an interpretive trail that utilized RTP Trail Maintenance funding and community-based volunteers in its completion. The subcommittee selected the trail for nomination for the achievement award.

Staff prepared the nomination form and submitted the necessary materials prior to the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. The Coalition for Recreational Trails urged applicants to reach out to their elected representatives for letters of support in order to put the spotlight on recreational trails. Staff sought letters of support for the nomination from Representative Gosar as well as Senators McCain and Flake. To date, Rep. Gosar has submitted a letter of support for the trail award nomination. According to the call for nominations, award winners will be notified by April 30<sup>th</sup>. The Nominating Subcommittee made the following suggestions:

1. Since this is an annual award, a subcommittee should be regularly utilized to more thoroughly review eligible projects for the awards.
2. A more thorough review of projects to nominate in various categories will enhance chances of receiving award recognition.
3. Awards such as this help to recognize and shed light on efforts to improve and expand existing recreational trail opportunities across the state.

**Time Frame:**

Staff submitted the nomination application prior to the deadline of March 30, 2013 and will be notified, if successful, by April 30, 2013.



**AZ State Committee On Trails Action Item / Report  
Agenda Item D-4.**



**Title:** Proposed Amendments to ASCOT Bylaws

**Staff Lead:** Robert Baldwin, Grants Coordinator

**Date:** April 26, 2013

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**Recommended Motion(s):**

None.

**Status to Date:**

ASCOT developed bylaws in 2010 when the composition of the committee was reduced from 25 members to 15 members. Those bylaws have not been amended. At the January 25, 2013 meeting, ASCOT tabled the agenda item for amending the bylaws. Staff is attempting to develop standardized bylaws to guide both OHVAG and ASCOT. Many advisory committees and quasi-judicial bodies have term limits in their bylaws. Some options for term limits are as follows:

**Staff Draft Recommendation:**

- Maximum of 2 consecutive 3-year terms
- After a 1 year absence from committee, member may be appointed for up to 2 more consecutive terms.

**Committee Member Recommendations:**

- Maximum of 3 consecutive 3-year terms.
- Upon a 2/3 vote of the committee, a member may be recommended for 1 additional term of 3-years.

Other changes in draft bylaws include Attendance in Sec. III, Part H. To encourage regular attendance, a committee member who is absent 4 meetings during their term will be replaced when the next new member solicitation is announced. The member being removed may continue serving until the end of the calendar year. Also, the member being removed due to absenteeism may reapply in the next new member solicitation.

ASCOT recommendations for new membership are forwarded onto the State Parks Board for final approval. Also, staff reminds all interested members of the trail community that ASCOT may utilize volunteers, including former members, for study groups, subcommittees, and task forces among other significant advisory roles in support of ASCOT.

**Time Frame:**

ASCOT will discuss and may propose amendments to the bylaws. Changes to bylaws require a second meeting before amendments can be approved.

Current March 2013

ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE ON TRAILS  
Bylaws

**I. Organization**

A. Operation of ASCOT shall be guided by the Bylaws hereafter listed and the laws and constitution of the State of Arizona.

B. The purpose of the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) is to promote, develop and preserve nonmotorized trail opportunities throughout the state. ASCOT serves in an advisory capacity to the Arizona State Parks Board (Board).

**II. Membership**

A. Membership is by Board appointment, and is for a term of three years.

B. The three year term of membership shall end on December 31. If necessary, outgoing members shall serve until a successor has been appointed by the Board.

C. Membership will consist of 15 members representing various non-motorized trail-user groups, conservation groups, industry organizations, the general public and/or land managing agencies. To foster input from the public, not more than eight members of ASCOT can be representatives from any governmental agency or level of government (Federal, State, County, Municipal, etc.). ASCOT will have at least one representative each of equestrian, hiking, and mountain bicycling user groups in its membership. Not more than eight members will represent user groups. Up to four members of ASCOT may be unaffiliated with a specific group, organization, or agency to serve as a representative-at-large.

D. Members are expected to attend all meetings of ASCOT.

E. Membership may be terminated, with concurrence of the Board, for non-participation as evidenced by failure to attend two consecutive meetings.

F. A member may resign at any time by giving notice in writing to the ASCOT Chair and Arizona State Parks staff.

**III. Officers**

A. ASCOT will have elected officers consisting of Chair, First Vice Chair, State Trails System Vice Chair and Public Outreach Vice Chair.

B. Officers will be elected from the membership and serve a term of one year which will begin on January 1. Unlimited consecutive terms are permitted.

C. The duties of the officers shall be:

1. Chair – call for and preside at all meetings of ASCOT and the Executive Board, present the items of business on the agenda, preserve order and decorum, and represent ASCOT to the Board and in other official capacities.

2. First Vice Chair - preside in the absence of the Chair. There is no order of succession from the Vice Chair to Chair.

**ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE ON TRAILS**  
**Bylaws**

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**I. History**

Established in January 1972 by Arizona State Parks Board resolution as the Statewide Hiking and Riding Trails Committee which evolved into the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT).

**II. Organization**

A. Operation of ASCOT shall be guided by the Bylaws hereafter listed and the laws and constitution of the State of Arizona.

B. Purpose -

To promote, develop and preserve non-motorized trail opportunities throughout the state;

Advise the State Parks Board and staff on the planning, development, funding, maintenance, and promotion of non-motorized trails in Arizona;

Assist staff with development and coordination of trails workshop and conferences; and

Serve as non-motorized committee for federal Recreational Trail Program purposes.

ARS §41-511.22 mandates that the ASP Board prepare and maintain a statewide trails system\* plan as follows:

- Identify on a statewide basis the general location and extent of significant trail routes, areas and complementary facilities;
- Assess the physical condition of the systems;
- Assess usage of trails; and
- Describe specific policies, standards and criteria to be followed in adopting, developing, operating and maintaining trails in the systems.
- Recommend to federal, state, regional, local and tribal agencies and to the private sector actions which will enhance the trail systems.

\* "trail systems" means coordinated systems of trails in this state.

C. Meetings / Work Product -

- Meets 4-5 times per year, usually on Friday or Saturday at locations around the state.
- Staff assists the Committee in scheduling meetings and putting together the agenda, developing action reports, securing meeting sites and quorums, coordinating telephonic attendance, noticing the meeting, and compiling minutes.
- ASCOT and staff may agree to conduct public meetings via teleconference.
- ASCOT solicits and processes trail nominations for the State Trail System.
- The committee may plan and coordinate trail workshops.
- The committee addresses statewide trail issues through sub-committees.
- They serve as a valuable volunteer resource for trail projects.

- The term for a position being filled due to vacancy prior to the normal end of that term will be the same as a newly appointed committee member, three (3) years.
- Staff and the committee may agree to offer shortened terms for newly appointed members to equalize the number of positions being filled in any one year OR may allow a member who is completing the second three-year term to reapply for a shortened term.
- If a member's position expires at the end of the calendar year and that member is completing a second term or has not reapplied and a replacement has not been selected, the Parks Board may ask that that member serve for one additional year.

#### G. Resignation / Reinstatement –

- A committee member may resign by written (email) notice to the committee chair with a copy provided to at least one other committee member and State Parks staff.
- A committee member who has resigned may request reinstatement in writing (email) to the committee chair with a copy to at least one other committee member and State Parks staff.
- The request for reinstatement must be received before the solicitation for new members has been announced.
- If the resignation is received after the solicitation for new members is announced, but before the date the applications close, that position will be included in the solicitation and filled from those applicants. After the close date, that position cannot be filled until the next solicitation is announced.
- The committee must approve or decline the reinstatement by majority vote at a public meeting.

#### H. Attendance –

- Committee members are expected to attend all scheduled meetings in person. Accommodations to facilitate attendance at a meeting via teleconference will be considered if it is necessary to establish a quorum.
- A committee member who misses four (4) meetings during a term will be replaced when the next new member solicitation is announced. The member may continue serving until the end of the calendar year.
- A committee member who has been replaced before the end of the term may reapply in the next solicitation.

### IV. Officers

- A. ASCOT will have elected officers consisting of Chair, First Vice Chair, State Trails System Vice Chair and Public Outreach Vice Chair.
- B. Officers will be elected from the membership at the first meeting of the year and serve from that date to the first meeting of the next year. Unlimited consecutive terms are permitted.
- C. The duties of the officers shall be:
  - 1. Chair will:
    - Call for and preside at all meetings of ASCOT and the Executive Board;

- The Chair will select a Nominating Committee consisting of at least three members who will report to the Executive Board, and ASCOT as needed to: 1) present a slate of officers for the annual election, and 2) recruit and recommend ASCOT nominees to be appointed by the Board.

## **VII. State Trails System**

The State Trails System has been established to recognize and promote non-motorized trails of special interest or significance to Arizona residents and visitors. The System shall consist of non-motorized trails that meet the standards established by ASCOT. The Parks Board approves trails into the System.

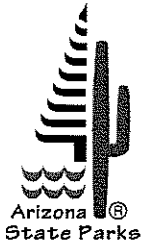
## **VIII. State Trails Plan**

A State Trails Plan will be created with the assistance of ASCOT every five years.

## **IX. Amendment**

These Bylaws may be amended by a vote in which two-thirds of the members of ASCOT vote yes. An amendment must be presented at one of the meetings and voted upon at a subsequent meeting. The State Parks Board must approve amendments.

**AZ State Committee On Trails Action Item / Report  
Agenda Item D-5.**



**Title:** Update from State Parks Staff on Progress in Developing Statewide Trails App

**Staff Lead:** Robert Baldwin, Grants Coordinator

**Date:** April 26, 2013

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**Recommended Motion(s):**

None.

**Status to Date:**

ASCOT formed a subcommittee charged with developing an approach and strategic plan to update the State Parks Trails Guide. The Subcommittee was informed at the December 12, 2012 meeting of an agreement between ASU and ASP to develop a Trails Application. The agreement is funded through RTP funding and is being developed as an app available on smartphones. The app database is set to include all trails in the STS, as well as additional trails systems provided by Maricopa County and Scottsdale. In addition to typical map and navigational capabilities, the app is proposed to have a trail search engine, location information, and hiking safety information components.

At the previous ASCOT meeting, members of the app development team from ASU provided an information overview of the app. The goal, as stated by the development team, was to put the app through beta testing and have the app available free to the public during the International Trails Symposium.

**Time Frame:**

Trails App had a target launch date of April 2013.

**Staff and Financial Resources:**

Activities in support of the advisory committees are part of the normal workload for the Resources and Public Programs Section staff.

**Relation to Strategic Plan:**

Partnerships: To build lasting public and private partnerships to promote local economies, good neighbors, recreation, conservation, tourism and establish sustainable funding for the agency.

**Relevant Past Board Actions:**

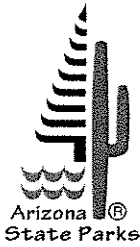
None.

**Attachments:**

None.

**Public Comment/Questions re Motion:**

**AZ State Committee On Trails Action Item / Report  
Agenda Item D-6.**



**Title:** ASCOT Will Determine the Order of Funding for RTP Trail Maintenance Projects.

**Staff Lead:** Robert Baldwin, Grants Coordinator

**Date:** April 26, 2013

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**Recommended Motion(s):**

None.

**Status to Date:**

At the December 4, 2012 meeting of the State Parks Board sixteen (16) trail maintenance projects were approved funding based the availability of funds after the selected grant projects are funded. Five projects that had not received money in the last two cycles or had only received money in the 2008 cycle were selected for funding prior to June 30, 2013. The remaining eleven projects will be selected by random drawing and funded in the order of selection if funds are available.

Attachment D6 shows the trail maintenance projects that were submitted and approved for funding contingent on available funding. Bradshaw RD, Payson RD, San Pedro RNCA, and Verde RD are scheduled to receiving funding from the 2013 obligation authority provide by Arizona Department of Transportation. Santa Catalina RD will be the first trail maintenance projects to be funded from the 2014 apportionment.

**Time Frame:**

Selected trail maintenance projects will be considered for funding in the order of selection after July 1, 2013.

**Staff and Financial Resources:**

Only \$1,319,560 of the annual \$1.9 million RTP apportionment is actually available to obligate to all projects. In 2013 \$863,735 was used to fund non-motorized projects.

**Relation to Strategic Plan:**

Partnerships: To build lasting public and private partnerships to promote local economies, good neighbors, recreation, conservation, tourism and establish sustainable funding for the agency.

**Relevant Past Board Actions:**

The Parks Board approved non-motorized projects for funding at their December 4, 2012 meeting.

**Attachments:**

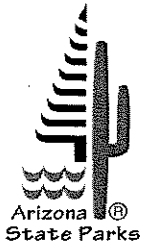
Attachment D6 – RTP Trail Maintenance Projects

# **FY 2012 STATE PARKS RTP TRAIL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

PROJECT SPONSOR	REQD FUNDS	PROJECT AREA	LAST FUNDING
Bradshaw RD	\$31,915	Prescott Circle Trail	2013
Payson RD	\$40,000	Donahue Trail 27, West Webber Trail 228, Turkey Springs Trail 217, East Webber Trail 289, See Spring Trail 185, Myrtle Trail 30, Babe Haught Trail 143, Horton Springs Trail 292, See Canyon Trail 184, Drew Trail 291	2013
San Pedro RNCA	\$38,250	San Pedro Trail System	2013
Verde RD	\$40,000	Oxbow Trail 163, Tule Rim Trail 162, Coldwater Springs Trail 27	2013
Santa Catalina RD	\$40,000	SCRD trails	2014
Cave Creek RD	\$40,000	Verde River Trail 11, Wet Bottom Trail 269, Highwater Trail 20	2008/2010
Flagstaff RD	\$40,000	Arizona Trail, Eldon Lookout Trail	2010
Globe RD	\$40,000	Telephone Trail 192, Pioneer Trail 196, Six Shooter Trail 197, Ice House Trail 198, Kellner Trail 242	2008/2010
Hassayampa FO	\$40,000	Black Rock Mine Trail, Black Canyon Nat. Rec. Trail, Harquahala Peak Pack Trail	2008/2010
Kingman FO	\$40,000	Cherum Peak Trail, Mohave Milltown Trail, Wabayuma Peak Trail, Monolith Gardens, Badger Trail, Castle Rock Trail, Missouri Springs Trail	2010
Lost Dutchman SP	\$40,000	Prospector Trail, Crosscut Trail	2008/2010
Mogollon Rim RD	\$40,000	U-Bar Trail 328, Barbershop Trail 91	2008/2010
Pleasant Valley RD	\$40,000	Grapevine Trail 135, Lucky Strike Trail 144, Boyer Trail 148, Park Trail 55	2008/2010
Safford FO	\$20,000	Safford-Morenci Trail, Cottonwood Trail	2008/2010
Scottsdale	\$40,000	Tom's Thumb Trail	2008/2010
Tusayan RD	\$38,500	Tusayan RD: AZ Trail, Vishnu Overlook, Red Butte, Tusayan Mtn. Bike, Tes-X Nature Trails. Williams RD: Laws Spring, Overland, Keyhole Sink, City of Williams Link, Clover Spring, Scholz Lake, Kendrick Mtn., Deadman, Benham, Pumpkin, Bull Basin, Ponderosa, Dogtown Lake, Sycamore Rim, Parks Rest Area Nature, Beal Wagon, Davenport, Route 66 Hiking, Summit Mtn., Sycamore View, Bixler Saddle, Spring Valley Cross Country Ski, Connector Trails	2010



**AZ State Committee On Trails Action Item / Report  
Agenda Item D-7**



**Title:** Discuss Possible ASCOT Involvement in the Partnership for National Trails Conference

**Staff Lead:** Robert Baldwin, Grants Coordinator

**Date:** April 26, 2013

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**Recommended Motion(s):**

None.

**Status to Date:**

The Partnership for National Trails will hold a conference in Tucson in November. The Chair of the Outreach Committee will present information about the conference and opportunities for ASCOT members to participate.

**Time Frame:** The committee will determine the level of involvement they want and coordinate between now and November.

**Staff and Financial Resources:**

Activities in support of the advisory committees are part of the normal workload for the Resources and Public Programs Section staff.

**Relation to Strategic Plan:**

**Partnerships:** To build lasting public and private partnerships to promote local economies, good neighbors, recreation, conservation, tourism and establish sustainable funding for the agency.

**Relevant Past Board Actions:**

None.

**Attachments:**

None.